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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of

RICHARD W. ARNOLD ET AL.

09/845 344

Serial No. 09/431,730 (TI-27698.1)

Filed May 1, 2001

For: STUD-CONE BUMP FOR PROBE TIPS
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Art Unit 2829

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BRIEF ON APPEAL

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Texas Instruments Incorporated, a Delaware corporation with offices at 7839 Churchill Way, Dallas, Texas 75251.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no known related appeals and/or interferences.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

This is an appeal of claims 13 to 20, all of the rejected claims. No claims have been allowed and the parent application is now Patent No. 6,376,352. Please charge any costs to Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

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ISSUE 2

Claims 17 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Galloway in view of Lytle (U.S. 5,674,780). The rejection is without merit.

Claims 17 to 20 depend from claim 13 and therefore define patentably over the applied references for at least the reasons presented above with reference to claim 13 since Lytle fails to overcome the above-listed deficiencies of Galloway.


In addition, claims 17 and 18 further limit claims 15 and 16 by requiring that the compliant material be filled with a material having sufficient hardness to be capable of penetrating the oxide film on the contact pads of semiconductor devices. No such feature is taught or suggested by Galloway, Lytle or any proper combination of these references either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claims 19 and 20 further limit claims 17 and 18 by requiring that the material be silver or silver-based flakes. No such feature is taught or suggested by Galloway, Lytle or any proper combination of these references either alone or in the combination as claimed.

CONCLUSIONS

For the reasons stated above, reversal of the final rejection and allowance of the claims on appeal is requested that justice be done in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated September 8, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 13 to 230, all of the appealed rejected claims.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection
☐ was granted on _____
☐ is requested for _____ month(s).
2. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
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